



LARC



Volume 48, Number 7

July 2008

July 3rd AARA General Meeting Cancelled

Due to the close proximity of the July 4th holiday, the club membership voted on canceling the July meeting. The next meeting will be August 7th at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA at 7:00 PM.

President's Message

First of all, the club would like to extend their "THANKS" to the City of Rayne, Louisiana for allowing us to hold our Field Day activities under the big pavilion again this year.

We did run into a few problems this year, one being the pavilion had been double booked for Saturday. A wedding took place at 5:00 pm and we had to shut down for a little over an hour. Other problems were that some of our key members have medical problems that kept them from Field Day activities. They are: John Martin KA5BSE, Nick Pugh K5QXJ, Maureen Martin KB5SMX, Calvin Begnaud KD5JCT. Then at the last minute, Lee Fontenot WB5NJJ who was scheduled to do our Sunday Bar-B-Q, cut his foot and that put him out of commission. Weston Hebert KB5WI stepped in to do the Bar-B-Q with Arnold Lemaire KE5JXC assisting. James Magin KE5SAD, donated about ten pounds of sausage to go on the pit with the pork steaks. The food tasted great!

We want to thank all the guys and gals for doing such a fine job with the food.

A couple of times we had some heavy rain but the pavilion kept us dry both days.

More to come about Field Day in the August issue of the LARC

Charlie KI5XP

Mickey Cox - K5MC Candidate for ARRL Delta Division Director

Mickey Cox appeared as a "Special Guest" at the June 5th meeting of the AARA to speak and explain his platform for running for this office. The Delta Division includes Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee Sections.

Qualifications:

- Served as ARRL Louisiana Section Manager for the last 8 consecutive years. Coordinated activities of 10 cabinet members
- Chief operating interests are traffic handling, DXing, and contesting
- Awards include BPL, PSHR, 5BWAZ, 5BDXCC, DXCC Honor Roll, and DXCC Challenge
- Novice license (WN5VQKE), July 1968; Extra, November 1970
- Life Member - ARRL and QCWA Professor of Electrical Engineering - Louisiana Tech University

Goals:

- Commitment to every ham in the Delta Division by attending as many hamfests and club meetings as possible in each of the four Sections and responding to all emails and other correspondence as soon as possible
- Making the ARRL a membership - focused organization once again by listening to members' concerns and sharing information on a timely basis

Platform:

1. ARRL members should have the choice of receiving *QST*, *QEX*, or *NCJ*.
2. ARRL Board meetings should be open to a limited number of members, including those who write for non-League publications such as *CQ* and *WorldRadio*, as long as personnel issues are not under discussion.
3. An independent committee of technically qualified hams should carefully determine the advantages and disadvantages of "regulation by bandwidth" through spectrum efficiency studies, etc., to determine if a new proposal should be submitted to the FCC.
4. The ARRL should achieve a reasonable degree of consensus within the ham community before submitting any future proposals to the FCC.
5. All petitions released by the FCC for comment that concern the Amateur Radio Service should be made known to the ham community in a timely manner by the ARRL.
6. The ARRL should increase its support of the National Traffic System and should quickly move on the recommendations of the National Emergency Response Planning Committee.

Mickey Cox K5MC - mcoxk5mc@bellsouth.net - (home) 318-397-1980

DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

July 3rd meeting cancelled

Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM - Door Prizes

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Ozone Amateur Radio Club
July 19, 2008—Slidell, LA

Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA
Acadia Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
147.240 pl 127.3 Crowley, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - 600 PL 103.5
YL/XYL / Filly Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Vermillion Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
147.060 Abbeville, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

AARA OFFICERS 2008-2009

President - Charlie Morrison KI5XP
ki5xp@w5ddl.org

Vice Pres - Dick Melcher WA6MDI

Secretary - Randy Castille N5MLJ

Treasurer - Joy Breaux N5YCS

BOARD MEMBERS

John Martin KA5BSE

Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF

Glenn Breaux KD5NVC

Public Relations Officer

Dagmar Whittemore KE5CGN

Newsletter Editor

Herman Campbell KN5GRK

The **LARC** is published monthly by the:
Acadiana Amateur Radio Association
P. O. Box 51174

Lafayette, Louisiana 70505-1174

Regular meetings 1st Thursday of
each month at 7:00 p.m. at the
American Red Cross Building
101 North Pat Street Scott, LA

Technology

This received from the ARRL Louisiana Section Monthly Summery -May 2008, by Charlie Morrison KI5XP in Lafayette, LA.

For those with Garmin GPS's, I've updated the Louisiana Repeater information in accordance with the LA Council's list, in the POI (Point of Interest) files available on: <http://www.poi-factory.com>. This site is free and the file is free to download. It allows you to upload the POI file into a Garmin GPS, and will notify you of the repeaters in the area based on you current location. It gives the callsign, frequency and PL tone of each repeater near you. I've edited the original file, corrected callsigns, frequencies and tones, and removed those not listed in the LCARC database.

Additionally, for those users with Kenwood TM-V71A and TM-D710's, I've taken that file and converted into the Kenwood HMK file format for uploading into the radio. Information about that is available from Kenwood's site, and the file is located on the Kenwood Yahoo Group at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TM-D710_TM-V71/ It's also a free file, available to anyone who joins the Kenwood group.

June VE Test Sessions

Archibald G. Hill IV KE5RPM upgraded to Extra.

Monte B. Lantier KE5TEY of Crowley upgraded to General.

Kirk Crain of Lafayette passed the Technician and was assigned the call KE5UZZ.

Joe D. Fain, SR W5XJF and Herman Campbell both tried for the Extra, but did not make it.

Mitchell S. Romero and Michael J Olivier both tried for Technician, but did not pass.

Better luck next time!

Your VE's were:

Danny Griffith K5ARH
Charles Morrison KI5YP
Greg Dolan K5LFT
Rick Breaux N5RLM

Remember, there will be no VE session in July as there will be no club meeting

Danny K5ARH

**HAVE A SAFE
AND
FUN JULY 4TH !**



Old Postcard

Revolutionary soldier flanked by two eagles. Card manufactured by J. Bouton & Co.

Kid's Day at the CMA

On Saturday June 21st members of the AARA went to the Children's Museum of Acadiana to help celebrate Kid's Day via amateur radio from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Conditions were a little noisy in the museum and band conditions were not that great on 20 meters.

Roland NA5Q did a excellent job in getting some of the kids up to the mike to say a few words to other kids across the nation. We had 16 kids ranging from the ages of 3 to 20 years of age that made contacts to WI, NC, KS, MI, IL, TX, OK, FL, and a few other states. A few pictures are posted in this article with their permission.

Members that helped out with this event were Roland NA5Q, Fred W5MLE, Karen KE5RPI, Archie KE5RPM, Herman KN5GRK, and Lee WB5NJG & Stratos KE5I who operated mobile on 2 meters.



Jonathan age 11 Blue



Dillon age 12 Blue

NAME:	AGE:	COLOR:
COLBY	6	RED
ANTOINE	10	BLUE
CIERA	8	PINK
BLANCHE	20	PINK
INEZ	13	PINK
HANNAH	7	PINK
JESSICA	9 1/2	GREEN

SkyWarn Activation

The LFT SkyWarn system was activated at 1815 hrs Saturday 21 June 2008.

A severe thunderstorm warning for Lafayette Parish was responsible for this net activation and as the weather moved through the Parish it produced intense lightning, minor street flooding on Camellia Blvd and numerous reports of 0.50" and 0.75" hail. A report was also received of Mamatus clouds from a trained observer looking south from the Opelousas area.

All reports were transmitted to the NWS LCH and have/will appear in the "Local Storm Reports" publication.

The SkyWarn net was secured at 1901 hrs local with the expiration of the Severe Thunderstorm Warning and the passage to the southeast of the merged line of cells.

The following stations checked into the directed net:

KE4GQE, KE5TJT, KE5AWZ,
KE5JXC, W4JHC, KI5XP,
KE5OGA, WA5TNK - Net Control

Ed Roy
Lafayette Parish EOC
337-233-3816



Toni age 9 Orange

Other kids that operated during Kid's Day were:

NAME:	AGE:	COLOR:
MADISON	4	BLUE
KAYTLAN	8	GREEN
CHASE	5	BLUE
JOHN PIERRE	9	GREEN
JAKUES	3	BLUE
DARIAN	9 1/2	GREEN

2008 SLIDELL HAMFEST

Sponsored by: OZONE AMATEUR
RADIO CLUB

SATURDAY—JULY 19th

8 AM - 2:30 PM

SLIDELL CITY AUDITORIUM

2056 2nd Street, Slidell, LA

Admission: \$5.00 (includes 1 raffle ticket)

Talk-in: 147.27/87 PL 114.8

Commercial Dealers: MFJ/Bamcom/MCM Computer/B Square/Houston Amateur Radio Supply/Signman

Flea Market: Tables \$7.00 each (does not include admission) 3x8 table and 2 chairs.

Main Prizes:

1st - Yaesu 857D HF/VHF/UHF Mobile

2nd - Yaesu 7800 VHF/UHF Mobile

3rd - Yaesu VX-3R dual band HT

HOURLY DOOR PRIZES

AND

LADIES RAFFLE

VE Testing-QLF Contest-Forums
Card checker present (WAS etc)

For information contact:

Mike King W5PY

985-641-0831 Cell 985-640-7708

w5py@arrl.net

Club website:

<http://www.w5sla.net>

Opelousas Club News

1. There are only 2-3 cabins left for the Mexican/Caribbean cruise with the OAARC group leaving New Orleans on January 15 to Cozumel which includes 2 days cruising at sea. Contact Katie, KA6RKI for further details. Phone is 337 231 5656.

2. OAARC is having the postponed garage sale on September 6 at Glenn KD5NVC & Linda KE5HSY Breaux's home. Please hang onto those donations for then. Also we could use some help with this sale and stay tuned for further details.

New Tower and Trailer Check-out for Field Day

The new tower and trailer that the AARA recently had fabricated by Thibodeaux Manufacturing will be making its' maiden run on Field Day 2008. In order to make sure everything is in tip top shape, some of the club members decided to give it a complete check-out prior to Field Day.

On Saturday June 21st, at 9:00 am the crew met at Danny's KD5JSM



and Kathy's KD5TJZ QTH where the trailer is in storage. The rotor cage was mounted on the tower, the four outriggers were set in place, the trailer was leveled and then the tower cranked up to almost 50 feet. Everything went as smooth as silk. The tower was then checked again with a spirit level in the upright position - perfect all around.



Those who helped check out the tower are shown in the picture (left to right) are:

John KA5BSE
Charlie KI5XP
Archie KE5RPM
Mike KE5AWZ
Herman KN5GRK
not shown who took the pictures.

July 2008 Special Events & Contests

- July 1 - 31** **K3FBI** - 100th Anniversary of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Quantico, VA
- July 5** **K4F** - Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree and Catfish Festival, Smithville, TN.
- July 12 - 20** **50th Anniversary of the Collins "S-Line"**
- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| W0CXX - Cedar Rapids, IA | F6KNZ - Toulouse, France |
| W5ROK - Richardson, TX | W6CXX - Tustin, CA |
| W4CRC - Melbourne, FL | N0CXX - Cedar Rapids, IA |
- Collect 4 or more QSL cards from 4 different Collins Special Event facilities and mail to W0CXX for a special certificate.
- July 25 - 26** **W9IMS** - 15th running of the Brickyard 400, Indianapolis, IN

Check the July 2008 issue of QST page 93 and 94 for more listings of Special Events or the ARRL website at:
<http://www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html>



7/18	JOY	N5YCS
7/21	JOE	W5XKF
7/22	RICK	N5RLM
7/22	PAT	W5WMU
7/23	RALPH	WB5GAF
7/27	CALVIN	KD5JCT
8/2	ROBERT	N5OA



Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

No new members listed at this time. However if you are interested in joining the AARA, you can go to our website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/>

Just click on "Membership Application", download the .PDF file, fill it out along with the proper romance and mail it in.

HELP KEEP AMATEUR RADIO ALIVE IN ACADIANA!



LAFAYETTE UTILITIES SYSTEMS ON THE JOB

You have probably heard me complaining about the high RFI that has been plaguing me for a long time. I contacted Roy Womack KE5LAW and Chris Guilbeaux of the LUS and they came out a few months back but could not locate my problem with the equipment they had then. Now, they have some really state-of-art test equipment. They came out on Monday June 9th and made some checks. It looked like most of



the noise was originating on the power pole in my back yard. As they would pan across the pole, the noise was very loud on their directional antenna and receiver. When they used the parabolic ultrasonic receiver, it would pick up the wind blowing the leaves (it was a little windy). The guys decided to make a round thru the neighborhood and see if anything else was radiating RFI, but to no avail. They

wanted me to monitor the times it seemed to be the worst.



To me, it seemed that just before 6:00 PM on 75 meters, the noise would show up and hang in there to around 8:00 PM, sometimes longer, sometimes shorter. Being the wind was not obligating, they re-scheduled to come out at another date. On Tuesday evening June 17th, Chris, Roy and Bob Houston (picture on left) came out and made some checks using their new equipment. Not a breeze in the air at

this time. The 75 meter band was pretty quiet, no noise. I had mentioned that the three of them showing up may have scared the RFI into hiding and maybe if they faked leaving, it would return. After spending a couple of hours to see if it would eventually come back, it didn't. The crew left, promising to come back later next week when the noise is present.

As I predicted, the RFI was back on Wednesday night as strong as ever, making it difficult to hear some of the stations while calling the Gulf Coast Sideband Net on 3925 KHz.

I do want to thank Roy, Chris, Bob and Lafayette Utilities System for having a well versed crew experienced in the field of tracking down RFI and I am sure they will eventually find my problem.

Our club president Charlie Morrison KI5XP, Bud Azar N5AN and Pat Sonnier W5WMU speak highly of these guys for solving their problems.

73's
Herman



Chris adjusting his equipment

HEAL NET

Be sure to check in on the HEAL NET every 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 1:00 PM local time on the 146.820 repeater in Lafayette. Larry KE5KJD is our Net Control Station at this time but will appreciate anyone wising to help out as NCS on occasions.

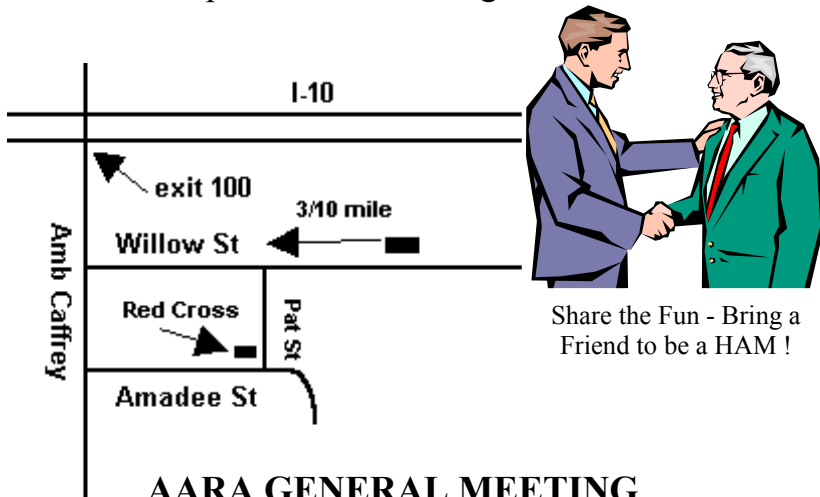
June 2008 HEAL Net Report

DATE:	Medical Personnel	Guest	Medical Facilities	Time / Traffic
6/06/08	4	4	4	17 min/ 0
6/20/08	3	8	4	19 min/0

**FIELD DAY 2008
DETAILS
WILL BE IN THE
AUGUST
ISSUE OF THE
LARC**

Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc.
P. O. Box 51174
Lafayette, LA 70505-1174

Website: <http://www.w5ddl.org>



Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING JULY 3rd MEETING CANCELLED

(see inside)

VE Testing at 6:00 PM

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

COMPLEMENTARY
ISSUE

Quick and Easy Peach Cobbler

(July is National Peach Month)

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 cup flour | 3/4 to 1 cup milk |
| 1 cup sugar | 1 large can of sliced peaches |
| 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder | 1 tsp. cinnamon (optional) |
| 1 stick butter | 3 tbsp. sugar (optional) |

PREPARATION:

Melt butter in a 2 quart casserole dish in 375° oven while combining flour, sugar, and baking powder. Add milk to the dry ingredients and stir until blended.

(Method 1): Pour the batter into the melted butter; dribble peach juice into the mixture and add peaches. Sprinkle top with cinnamon and sugar. Bake 30 to 40 minutes at 375 degrees.

(Method 2): Arrange peaches and juice in melted butter. Drizzle batter back and forth over fruit. Bake 30 to 45 minutes or golden brown.

Send your favorite recipe to:
Herman KN5GRK
kn5grk@bellsouth.net



FCC LICENSE INFO SERVICE

The FCC toll-free (WATS) number for Amateur Radio license inquiries - including inquiries about vanity and new call signs. The number, 888-225-5322, will connect callers to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at 202-414-1250 or ulscomm@fcc.gov. Web site:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is: Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245